

REMARKS

Claim 37 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claims 37, 38, 48, and 51 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 37-43, 45-58, and 60-61 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Ansell. Claims 44 and 45 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Ansell and Merriman.

Claims 37-61 have been canceled, and claims 62-83 have been added by amendment. No new matter has been added. The Applicant asserts that the rejections under 35 USC 112, 102, and 103 are obviated by the present amendments and respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Independent Claim 62

Claim 62 has been newly added by amendment, and recites a method for determining a geographic location of an Internet user. The Applicant asserts that claim 62 is allowable for at least the reason that neither Ansell nor Merriman discloses storing in a first database a plurality of geographic names and a plurality of variations for each of the plurality of geographic names, determining a geographic location for the one or more intermediate hosts of the route by performing the steps of: determining a geographic naming information for the intermediate host, comparing at least a part of the determined geographic naming information for the intermediate host to one or more of the plurality of variations of geographic names stored in the first database, determining a geographic location of the intermediate host based on the comparison, and determining the geographic location of the Internet user using the route and the determined geographic location of the one or more intermediate hosts, as recited in claim 62.

Dependent Claims 63-72

Claims 63-72 are allowable for at least the reason that each depends directly or indirectly from allowable claim 62.

Independent Claim 73

Claim 73 has been newly added by amendment, and recites a method for determining a geographic location of an Internet user. The Applicant asserts that claim 73 is allowable for at least the reason that neither Ansell nor Merriman discloses storing in a first database a plurality of geographic names and a plurality of variations for each of the plurality of geographic names, determining a geographic location for the one or more intermediate hosts of the route by performing the steps of: determining a geographic naming information for the intermediate host, comparing at least a part of the determined geographic naming information to one or more of the plurality of variations of geographic names stored in the first database, if the comparison results in a match between the determined geographic naming information and at least one variation of a first geographic name stored in the first database, determining the geographic location of the intermediate host using the first geographic name, if the comparison does not result in a match between the determined geographic naming information and at least one variation of a first geographic name stored in the first database, determining the geographic location of the intermediate host using one or more other intermediate hosts of the route, and determining the geographic location of the Internet user using the route and the determined geographic location of the one or more intermediate hosts, as recited in claim 73.

Dependent Claims 74-83

Claims 74-83 are allowable for at least the reason that each depends directly or indirectly from allowable claim 73.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and Remarks, each of the presently pending claims in the Application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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